Fresh Proposals from Private Sector in Power Generation

1772. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER : Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Goverament have received fresh proposals from the private sector for creating additional capacity in power generation over the next few years;

(b) whether any such offer has been received for Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Bihar;

(c) if so, the total investment offered in these projects; and

(d) what is the total additional capacity of power to be generated therefrom ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) A proposal has been received from M/s RPG Enterprises for setting up a coal based thermal power station at Chandil (500 MW) in Bihar at an estimated cost of Rs. 1,637 crores.

Seepage in Tanakpur Power Project

1773. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI : Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state .

(a) whether it is a fact that the Tanakpur Hydro-electric project which was commissioned in end of March this year, had to shut down due to massive seepage in its power channel ;

(b) if so, what is the estimated cost of repairs needed and whether an inquiry has been set up; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) The initial filling of the 6.4 km long power channel of the Tanakpur Hydroelectric Project was started in February, 1992 and the generating machines were test synchronised in March end. There was no massive seepage; however, some seepage was observed through a few locations in the last 700 m. reach of the power channel and in order to carry out repairs, a shut down was taken.

(b) and (c) The total cost of modifications, strengthening and repairs has been estimated as about Rupees twenty lakhs by the National Hydroelectric Power Corporation. No enquiry has been set up as this is a normal phenomenon during the initial filling stage in canals with high embankment.

Promotion of Wind Power Energy in Bihar

1774. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have prepared any action plan for the promotion of wind energy in the State of Bihar ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ;

(c) if answer to part (a) above be in the negative, the reasons therefor ; and

(d) what action Government propose to take to promote wind energy in Bihar ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) & (b) Government is implementing the wind energy programme in the country, including in the State of Bihar. To assess the wind potential, Department of Non-Conventional Energy Sources sanctioned a project in 1987, to the Bihar Renewable Energy Development Agency (BREDA). The project envisages setting up 30 wind mapping stations in various locations in the State for wind resource assessment. Of these only 4 stations have so far been set up by BREDA.